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The Secretary laid on the table copies of the following Government Orders :--

(1) G.O. No. 2157, [a] Law (General), dated 4th July 1925, passing orders on the recommendations of the Jail Industries Committee.

(2) G.O. No. 1138, [b] Development, dated 26th July 1927, passing orders on the audit report of the amended accounts of the Nilambur Valley Forests up to 31st March 1925.

(3) G.O. No. 1139, [b] Development, dated 26th July 1927, recording the audit report of the Nilambur Forests for 1925-26.

(4) G.O. No. 1329, [c] Development, dated 26th August 1927, issuing rules under sections 19 (*a*), 19 (*b*), (7) and (13) of the State Aid to Industries Act.

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The Secretary laid on the table copies [d] of the first, second and third meetings of the Finance Committee for 1927-28 held on 19th, 22nd and 24th August 1927, respectively.

VI

DEMAND FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR 1927-28.

Grant II.

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Does the hon. Member, the Leader of the Opposition, propose to move his motion before the demand for supplementary grant is moved or after it is moved ? "

* Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI : —" After the demand is moved."

* The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" I do not propose to move that grant [e] now."

* Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" I am rather surprised, Sir. With your permission, I desire to make mention of one or two things in connexion with the withdrawal of this demand."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I do not think that the withdrawal of a motion can be made the subject of a debate."

* Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" The thing has once been debated upon and I am surprised that the Minister must have thought fit to withdraw his motion."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I hope the hon. the Leader of the Opposition will take some other opportunity to express his surprise."

The motion was deemed to have been withdrawn.

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a Printed and circulated separately.
b Placed on the Editors' Table.
c Published in *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated August 1927.
d Printed separately.

e On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor the following demand for supplementary grant will be moved :—

GRANT II .. .. .. The hon. M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR Avargal will move that the Government be granted an additional sum of Rs. 7,300 under " Grant II—Excise department — Transferred " for strengthening the supervising staff of the Excise department.

Grant VI.

12-15 p.m. The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" Mr. President, Sir, I beg to move that—

> ' *the Government be granted an additional sum of Rs. 68,000 under " Grant VI.—Irrigation—Civil officers" for extra expenditure on Minor Irrigation works.' "*

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I second it."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question is that ' the Government be granted an additional sum of Rs. 68,000 under " Grant VI—Irrigation—Civil officers " for extra expenditure on Minor Irrigation Works.'

" May I know what is the nature of the information which the hon. Member, Mr. K. V. R. Swami Nayudu wants by the motion which he has given notice of ? "[a]

VII

DILATORY MOTION FOR THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR GRANTS.

* Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" Sir, I have given notice of an adjournment motion.

" I move that—

> ' *the supplementary demands be postponed pending the announcement, by the Government, of the policy in regard to prohibition and the remitted provincial contribution and the discussion of the same by the House.*'

" Sir, from time to time we have been informed that the amount released by the remission of the provincial contribution will be utilized and is being utilized for nation-building departments. As long as the instalments of remission were small in amount, they were appropriated under various heads, often to cover anticipated deficits in the budget."

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" May I request my hon. Friend to speak a little louder ? "

*Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" A large sum has now been released by the Government of India for the benefit of the provincial finances. It seems to me to be necessary that the Government of Madras should consult this House with regard to the utilization of that large sum. Expecting that the remission will be used to cover any loss of revenue under Excise owing to the introduction of prohibition, we should see now that the whole amount is not frittered or dissipated by granting the supplementary demands which have been placed before the House. Because, if attempts are made by this House to introduce prohibition effectively and in action, the usual answer will be given by the Government that there is no money to cover the loss of revenue and that unless the country and the House are prepared for additional taxation, that policy could not be given effect to. It seems to me that the Government of Madras are playing with the sentiments and feelings of this House. I desire that the Government should lay down before this House a

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	RS.
a Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—	
To reduce the allotment of Rs. 68,000 for extra expenditure on Minor Irrigation Works by	100
(For eliciting information.)	